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FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Toronto, and within Knox's Church there, Tuesday, the seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one years, at half an hour after seven of the clock in the evening, the Second General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church met, in accordance with a resolution of adjournment, adopted at the ordinary meeting of the Assembly at Quebec, on the fourteenth day of June last. The Moderator, Mr. John Scott, of London, took the chair, and opened the meeting with praise and prayer, and the reading of the Scriptures. The Moderator addressed the Assembly at length. Prayer was then, at the request of the Moderator, offered by Dr. Topp, and the Assembly was declared to be constituted for business. Nov. 7, 1871, 7.30 p.m.

ROLL.

The Roll of the Assembly, containing the names of Ministers and Elders appointed Commissioners by their respective Presbyteries, and whose Commissions were returned, as duly attested, at the meeting of Assembly at the City of Quebec in June last, was called, and the attendance of members marked as follows:— Roll called.

☞ *The names of those present are marked with an asterisk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
*Robert F. Burns, D.D.	*Alexander Rose.
James Watson, A.M.	John Lawson Gibb.
*Daniel Gordon.	David Aikman.
William Scott.	James Oliver.

James McConechy.
*Donald H. Macvicar, LL.D.
*Alexander Young.
John McKay.
John Mackie.
William B. Clark.
John McLeod.
*James Brodie.
Donald Cattanach.
James Hossack.
*James Court.
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James Whyte.
*William McKenzie.
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Peter Duncan.
*William Mitchell.
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*William Heron.
John Parker.
*John Ratcliff.
T. C. Foreman.
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*James Leask.

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*Alexander Topp, D,D.
*John Jennings, D.D.
*Hon. J. McMurrich.
*James Brown.

*Peter Glassford.
*William Reid, A.M.
*William Gregg, M.A.
*Geo. P. Young, Prof. Univ. Coll.
*Wm. Caven, Prof. Knox Coll.
*John M. King, M.A.
*R. M. Croll.
*John Campbell, M.A.
*William Kerr.
*James McDonald.
William Lesslie.
*John L. Blaikie.
*William Wilson.
*John McBean.
*John Barclay.
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William Craigie.
*John McRobie.
*John McColl.
*R. N. Grant.
*George Burson.
*J. A. F. McBain.
*A. I. McKenzie.
*John Alexander.
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William Henderson.
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*Hector McQuarrie.
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*John Rennie.
*John Thompson.
*James Allan.
Jas. Armstrong.
*W. Steveley.
John Wilson.
Alex. McMillan.
Don. Waters.
*A. Vidal.
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John Ferguson.
*Finlay McCuaig.
*Robert Leask.
*Stephen Young.
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Ralph Donaldson.
Robert Carnochan.
*James Edmond.
Adam McKay.
James McNair.
Andrew McAa.
Thomas Fortune.
*William Murray.

ARCHIBALD MACLEAN, *Presbytery Clerk..*

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James Ferguson.
*Donald Boyd Cameron.
John Ross.
*William McWhinney.
Richard McKee.

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Alexander McLennan.
*C. C. Stewart.
*George Hay.
William Hossack.
*John Bain.

ALEXANDER FRAZER, *Presbytery Clerk..*

PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

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Charles Cameron.
John Morrison.
Duncan McMillan.
Thomas Bennie.
Philip Peebles.

WILLIAM PARK, *Presbytery Clerk..*

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.

William Fletcher.

WILLIAM FLETCHER, *Presbytery Clerk..*

RESOLUTION OF ADJOURNMENT.

Adjournm't —Resolution read.

The resolution of the Assembly, appointing this adjourned meeting, was read, to the following effect, namely: "That, when this Session of the General Assembly, at the City of Quebec, closes, the Assembly shall stand adjourned, to meet at Toronto, and within Knox's Church there, on the first Tuesday of November next, at the hour of half-past seven o'clock in the evening, and that the Union Committee give in their Report at the First Sederunt.

FIRST REPORT—COMMITTEE OF BILLS, &C.

1st Report—Com. on Bills

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a first Report, which was read by Dr. Waters, stating the several subjects to be taken up at this Sederunt, and recommending that the hours of meeting and adjournment, day by day, be the same as at former meetings of Assembly. The Report was received and adopted.

UNION COMMITTEE—REPORT OF.

Union—Report of Com.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Union, appointed at the meeting at Quebec in June last. The Report, consisting of the minutes of the meetings of the Joint Committee of the Presbyterian Churches in the Provinces of British North America, on the subject of Union, held within St. Paul's Church, at the City of Montreal, between the twenty-sixth day of September, and the second day of October, of the current year, inclusive, and embodying certain resolutions and certain articles proposed as a Basis of Union, as stated below, was read by Dr. Topp, the Convener of the Committee.

TEMPORALITIES' FUND.

Temporalities' Fund.

In regard to a Sustentation Fund for the United Church, and the distribution of the Temporalities' Fund belonging to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, brought up by an extract minute of the Synod of said Church, it was resolved: 1. "That the Committee regard with much satisfaction and approval the proposed distribution of the Temporalities' Fund, as one which may largely promote the interests of certain important Schemes of the Church, but are of opinion that the object recommended by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, as to the payment of a sum of two hundred dollars per annum to every minister on the Synod Roll, to whom the benefit of the Temporalities' Fund does not yet extend, may be as efficiently and conveniently carried out by said Synod in another way acceptable to all parties."

ON MODES OF WORSHIP.

Worship—Modes.

2. "That, with regard to Modes of Worship, the practice presently followed by congregations in the matter of Worship shall be allowed, and that further action in connection therewith be left to the legislation of the United Church."

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WIDOWS' FUND.

Widows' Fund.

3. "The Committee further agreed to recommend the establishment of an efficient Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the United

Church, to which all ministers and congregations will be expected to contribute; and that, in the meantime, a Committee, consisting of Mr. Croil, Convener, the Hon. John McMurrich, and Mr. D. McKay, be appointed to employ an actuary to value the different Funds now in existence, and submit to this Committee an equitable plan for the establishment and future management of the Fund."

ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS, ETC.

Missionary operations, &c.

4. "The Committee further agreed to express their confident expectation that the United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the Home and Foreign Missionary and benevolent operations of the several Churches, according to their respective claims, and that with regard to the practical work of the Church, and the prosecution of its Schemes, whilst, of course, the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church, and be the final Court of Appeal, yet the Committee recommend that the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through Synods and local committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in Christian love and sympathy the various sections of the Church, and at the same time to draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion and throughout the world."

NAME OF THE CHURCH.

Name of Church.

5. "That the title of the United Church shall be 'The Presbyterian Church of British North America.'"

COLLEGIATE EDUCATION.

Education—Collegiate.

6. "The Committee then returned to the subject of Collegiate Education, and unanimously adopted the following deliverance: "That the negotiating Churches shall enter into union with the Theological and Literary Institutions which they now have; and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those on which they now exist."

EDUCATION—ADDITIONAL.

Education—Additional.

"The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee resumed consideration of the matter of Collegiate Education, and agreed that, for the deliverance of the 29th of September on that subject (see foregoing), the following resolutions be adopted:—

(1.) That, inasmuch as the Canada Presbyterian Church has resolved to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the endowment of its Theological Institutions, it be recommended to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, to provide such further endowment to the Faculty of Arts in Queen's College as to it may appear necessary or desirable.

(2.) That tutorial work, in relation to the literary and scientific studies of students for the ministry, be not carried on in connection with the Theological Institutions of the United Church in Ontario and Quebec, but that provision be made by the United Church for such work in Queen's College, Kingston, and in Morrin College, Quebec.

(3.) That the Theological department of Queen's College and that of Morrin College, and the Presbyterian College of Montreal, shall be united into one College, situated at Montreal.

(4.) That the Theological College thus formed at Montreal shall be governed in general accordance with the provisions of the charter of the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

(5.) That the three Theological Colleges of the United Church, viz., at Halifax, Montreal, and Toronto, shall be affiliated with Queen's College, so as to be represented in the University Senate—

i. For conferring Degrees in Divinity.

ii. For taking such share in the government of the University as may be proper in relation to the preparatory training of Students for the Ministry.

(6.) That the present Principal of Morrin College shall be invited by the General Assembly of the United Church to be the first Principal of the Theological College at Montreal, that another Theological Professor shall be so invited from Queen's College, and that, in the event of his declining the invitation, such Professor shall be nominated by the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

(7.) That the legislation necessary to effect the foregoing changes shall be sought, and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation, in conformity with the said changes, as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist.

Principal Snodgrass dissented from these resolutions for reasons, which, it was agreed he might, if he thought proper, send to the Secretary."

BASIS OF UNION.

Basis of Union.

The Articles proposed as the Basis of Union for the United Church, to be known as "The Presbyterian Church of British North America," as contained in the Report, are as follows:—

I. "That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the Word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

II. "That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church, that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people; it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms, regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrate, shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

III. "That the government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in the 'Form of Presbyterial Church Government,' and in 'The Directory for the public worship of God.'

IV. "That this Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with its several branches, as opportunity offers, shall, at the same time, regard itself as being in such ecclesiastical relations to Churches holding the same doctrine, government and discipline with itself, as that ministers and probationers from these Churches shall be received into this Church, subject to such regulations as shall from time to time be adopted."

REPORT RECEIVED, ETC.

Report received–to be considered.

It was moved by Dr. Topp, seconded by Dr. Jennings, that the Report be received, and that the Basis of Union be considered first.

Questions.

Several questions were asked by members of the Assembly, and were answered by Dr. Topp and other members of the Union Committee.

Motion agreed to.

The motion was then agreed to.

Consideration delayed.

On motion of Dr. Waters, duly seconded, it was agreed to defer the further consideration of the Union Report, at this Sederunt, to be taken up as the first business to-morrow morning.

NEW BUSINESS, ETC.

New Business not to be ent'd on.

The Assembly proceeded to the consideration of the next business on the docket, namely, a reference from the Committee of Bills and Overtures, inquiring whether or not it were in order for the Assembly, at this adjourned meeting, to take up new business, other than that left over, and specially designated at the ordinary meeting at Quebec

The reference was stated by Mr. William Cochrane, of Brantford.

The Moderator ruled that no new business could orderly be taken up at this meeting.

The Assembly then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and the diet was closed with the benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

KNOX'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1871, 10, a. m.

The General Assembly met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. Patrick Gray, of Kingston, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the first Sederunt were read, and being revised, were sustained.

SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS, ETC.

2nd Report of Com. on Bills.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures handed in a second Report, which was read by Dr. Waters, the clerk of the Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the order of business therein recommended adopted.

BASIS OF UNION.

Basis of Union considered.

The Assembly, as agreed upon last night, resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Union, and it was agreed to take up the proposed Basis of Union, and consider the several Articles of the same *seriatim*.

First Article adopted.

The first Article, as above recorded, was read and agreed to.

Second Article read.

The second Article was read, in terms following:—"That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church, that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people; it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms, regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrate, shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion."

Motion.

It was moved by Dr. Topp, seconded by Mr. T. McPherson, That the former portion of the Article, down to the words, "for the instruction of the people," be adopted as read.

1st Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. McTavish, seconded by Mr. J. M. King, That the article be not now adopted, but be recommitted, so as to secure the place for the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, as Standards, which they presently hold in this Church.

2nd Amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by Prof. Inglis, seconded by Mr. John Ross, That the second resolution be remitted to a committee, with a view to the following amendment:—Omit the words, "That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church, that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people," and substitute the following: "That the Confession of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms are the Confession and Catechisms of this Church, and contain the authorized exhibition of the sense in which we understand the Holy Scriptures."

Amendment withdrawn.

Mr. McTavish, with the consent of his seconder, was permitted to withdraw the amendment submitted by him on this subject.

Motion carried–1st part adopted.

A vote was taken, when the motion of Dr. Topp was carried by a large majority, and the former portion of the second Article was declared to be adopted as it stands in the Report.

Dissent.

Mr. John Ross craved to have his dissent from this decision entered in the Minutes.

Motion to adopt 2nd clause.

It was moved by Dr. Topp, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, That the latter clause of the second Article stand as it is in the Report.

Amendm'nt.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. McTavish, seconded by Mr. C. C. Stewart, That the following be substituted instead of the latter clause of the second Article, namely: That no interpretation or reception of such portion of any of these documents, as regards the duty of the civil magistrate in matters of religion, is held by this Church which sanctions persecution.

Vote—2nd clause adopted.

A vote being taken, the motion of Dr. Topp was carried by a large majority, and the latter portion of the second Article was declared to be adopted as in the Report.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Diet was closed —the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

KNOX'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1871, 3, p.m.

The Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with devotional exercises, prayer being offered, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. John McTavish.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

BASIS CONSIDERED.

Basis—consideration resumed.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the remaining Articles of the proposed Basis, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.

3rd Article read and adopted.

The third Article of the Basis was read, and, on motion of Dr. Topp, seconded by Mr. McPherson, was adopted as it stands in the Report.

4th Article read and adopted.

The fourth Article of the proposed Basis was read. It was moved by Dr. Topp, seconded by Mr. McPherson, and unanimously agreed to, that this Article stand as it is.

ADDITION PROPOSED.

Proposed addition to Basis.

It was moved by Mr. John Ross, seconded by Mr. John McTavish, That the following Article be added to the Basis of Union: That the Lord Jesus Christ is the only King and Head of His Church, that he has made her free from all external or secular authority in the administration of her affairs, and that she is bound to assert and defend this liberty to the utmost, and ought not to enter into such engagements with any party as would be prejudicial thereto.

1st Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Topp, and duly seconded, That the four Articles already agreed to, be adopted as a whole, and shall form the Basis of Union for the United Church.

2nd Amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by the Hon. Mr. Vidal, seconded by Mr. J. A. Thomson, of Erin, as follows: While this Assembly most cordially approves of and firmly adheres to the statements embodied in Mr. Ross's resolution, it does not consider it expedient to add that resolution to the Basis of Union now adopted.

Decision.

A vote being taken, the amendment of Dr. Topp was carried by a majority over that of the Hon. Mr. Vidal. On a second vote, the amendment of Dr. Topp was carried over the motion of Mr. Ross by a large majority, and the Assembly decided in terms of the said Amendment.

Yeas and Nays.

The yeas and nays were called for on the motion carried, when 60 voted yea, and 22 nay.

DISSENT.

Dissent.

Mr. John Ross asked to have his dissent from this decision marked in the Minutes, for reasons to be afterwards given in. The following ministers and elders also requested that their dissent be marked, namely: Messrs. J. McTavish, A. Young, D. B. Cameron, J. Middlemiss, D. Gordon, D. Cameron, ministers; M. Douglas, W. Heron, George Barron, elders.

BASIS.

Basis as adopted.

The several Articles of the Basis of Union, adopted without amendment, as reported by the Committee, are as follows:—

I. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the Word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

II. That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church, that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people, it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrate, shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

III. That the Government and Worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in the "Form of Presbyterial Church Government," and in "The Directory for the Public Worship of God."

IV. That this Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches as opportunity offers, shall, at the same time, regard itself as being in such ecclesiastical relations to Churches holding the same doctrine, government, and discipline with itself, as that ministers and probationers from these Churches shall be received into this Church, subject to such regulations as shall from time to time be adopted.

The hour of six o'clock having arrived, the Assembly adjourned, to meet at half-past seven o'clock, then to enter upon the consideration of the subject of Collegiate Education, as presented in the Report of the Union Committee. The Diet was closed with the benediction.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

KNOX'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1871, 7.30, p. m.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, prayer being offered, at the request of the Moderator, by Mr. Andrew Wilson.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Minutes read.

COLLEGIATE EDUCATION—CONSIDERATION OF.

Collegiate Education.

The Assembly, as agreed at the close of the last Sederunt, took up for consideration the Report of the Union Committee on the subject of Collegiate Education.

Motion for Com. of Whole. Motion lost.

It was moved and seconded that, for the consideration of this subject, the Assembly resolve itself into a committee of the whole house. This motion being put to vote was lost, and it was agreed to proceed in open Assembly as at present constituted.

Resolutions on Ed'cation read.

The first finding of the Joint Union Committee on the subject of Collegiate Education, at their meeting on 29th September, as also the resolutions afterwards adopted by the said Committee, and numbered from one to seven, inclusive, to be substituted for the resolution first above mentioned, as recorded in foregoing minutes, were read.

Motion—Dr. Proudfoot.

It was moved by Dr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. W. McLaren, That the negotiating Churches shall enter into Union with the Theological and Literary Institutions which they now have; and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox's College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall, at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist.

That inasmuch as the Canada Presbyterian Church has resolved to make an effort to raise the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) for the endowment of its Theological Institutions, within three years, it is expected that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland will complete, during the same period, the endowment of Queen's College, so that neither it nor the Theological Institutions referred to may be a burden to the United Church, or interfere with the prosecution of its Home and Foreign Missions.

Further, it is understood that all other matters pertaining to the Colleges be left for adjustment to the United Church.

Adj urnm't.

During the discussion on this motion,—Prof. Young being in possession of the floor—the hour of adjournment arrived. It was moved by Prof. Caven, and seconded, that the rule for adjournment be suspended, and that the Assembly continue in session for half an hour longer. A vote being taken on this motion, the members were equal for and against it. The Moderator gave his casting vote in favour of adjournment, and the Diet was closed with the benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

KNOX'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

Thursday, November 9, 1871, 10, a.m.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. J. Fotheringham, at the request of the Moderator, offering prayer.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

COLLEGIATE EDUCATION.

Collegiate Education resumed.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the subject of Collegiate Education, as presented in the Report of the Union Committee, interrupted by the adjournment last night.

Alteration of Motion.

Dr. Proudfoot asked and obtained leave to prefix to the resolution offered by him last night, certain words necessary to connect the said resolution with the Report then under consideration, as follows:—That the recommendations of the Joint Committee be not adopted, but that the following resolution be substituted for them.

Discussion.

The discussion on the subject of Collegiate Education was then proceeded with,—Prof. Young being in possession of the floor.

1st Amendment—Prof. Young.

It was moved in amendment to Dr. Proudfoot's motion, by Prof. Young, seconded by Dr. Waters, as follows:—The Assembly disapprove of the resolutions on Collegiate Education agreed to by the Joint Committee, particularly in so far as these provide for the reception of certain Literary and Scientific Colleges into the same relations to the United Church as they now hold to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

2nd Amendment—Prof. Inglis.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Prof. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Cochrane,—That in view of the proposed efforts to endow the various Colleges connected with two of the negotiating Churches, and of the impossibility of completing the Union satisfactorily, until the results of these efforts are ascertained, it is not expedient to come to any decision in reference to Collegiate arrangements at the present stage of the negotiations; nevertheless, this Assembly desire to declare, that inasmuch as a large number of the office-bearers and members of this Church are opposed, in the present circumstances of the country, to undertaking any general Classical or Philosophical teaching, as a part of the Church's work, it would therefore be greatly preferable that the Faculties in Arts of Queen's College and Morrin College should be placed on such a basis as, while preserving them in all their efficiency, would, at the same time, remove them from under the direct control of the Church, without its being implied that non-compliance with this suggestion will be a positive bar to Union..

Adjourned.

While reasoning on these several motions was in progress, the hour of one o'clock arrived, and the Assembly adjourned, Mr. John Laing being in possession of the floor. The Diet was closed with the benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

KNOX'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

Thursday, Nov. 9, 1871, 3, p.m.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with devotional exercises, Mr. George Smellie offering prayer.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

COLLEGIATE EDUCATION.

Collegiate Education.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the subject of Collegiate Education, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning, Mr. Laing being in possession of the floor.

3rd amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. J. Laing, seconded by Mr. W. Burns, That the following be added to the resolution

of Dr. Proudfoot:—In the opinion of this Assembly it is indispensable to harmony in the united Church, if not to union altogether, that a change be made in the Constitution and direction of Queen's College which will relieve the Church Courts of all responsibility as regards that Institution, and prevent unnecessary interference with the non-sectarian character of National Education now happily established amongst us.

Addition to Dr. Proudfoot's motion.

Dr. Proudfoot asked leave to alter the resolution offered by him on this subject last night, by making certain additions thereto, which proposed additions were read, as follows:—And further, the Assembly re-appoint their Committee on Union, and instruct them, in bringing this resolution under the notice of the Committees of the other negotiating Churches, and seeking their approval thereof, to inform them that this Church still adheres to its repeatedly expressed opposition to State Grants to Denominational Colleges in these Provinces; and further, instruct their Committee to ascertain whether there is a definite prospect of harmonious action in the United Church in this matter.

Objections.

Leave granted.

Objection being made to granting the leave asked by Dr. Proudfoot, a vote was taken, and it was carried by a large majority that leave be granted as craved.

Dissent.

Mr. John Laing requested that his dissent from this decision be marked in the Minutes.

3rd Amendment withdrawn.

Mr. Laing then, in view of the additions now allowed to be made to the motion of Dr. Proudfoot, asked and obtained permission to withdraw the amendment submitted by him on this subject.

4th Amendment.

It was then moved, in further amendment, by Mr. W. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Thomas McPherson, That the Assembly adopt as their decision on this subject the first finding of the Joint Committee on Union, on the 29th of September, in terms following:—That the negotiating Churches shall enter into Union with the Theological and Literary Institutions which they now have, and that application be made to Parliament for such legislations as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist.

Previous question. Negatived.

The previous question was here moved and seconded, and, being put to the house, was decided in the negative, and the discussion was proceeded with.

Hour of closing. To sit ten minutes.

The hour of adjournment having arrived it was, on motion, agreed to continue in Session for ten minutes longer.

Votes.

The discussion on the several motions before the House being closed, the Assembly proceeded to a decision. A vote was first taken between the amendment of Mr. Gregg and that of Prof. Inglis, when the former was carried. The amendment of Mr. Gregg was, on a second vote, carried over the amendment of Prof. Young. A third vote was taken between the amendment of Mr.

Gregg and the motion of Dr. Proudfoot, when the main motion was carried by a majority.

Yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays being called for, 49 voted yea, and 14 nay.

Roll called.

The calling of the Roll, on the motion carried, was demanded, the question to be yea or nay. The Roll was called, when 64 answered yea, 11 nay, and 10 declined to vote.

Decision.

The motion of Dr. Proudfoot was then declared to be carried, and the Assembly decided in terms thereof, as follows:—

That the recommendations of the Joint Committee be not adopted, but that the following resolution be substituted for them, namely: That the negotiating Churches shall enter into Union with the Theological and Literary Institutions which they now have; and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall, at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government, and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist.

That, inasmuch as the Canada Presbyterian Church has resolved to make an effort to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, ($250,000), for the endowment of its Theological Institutions, within three years, it is expected that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, will complete during the same period the endowment of Queen's College, so that neither it nor the Theological Institutions referred to, may be a burden to the United Church, or interfere with the prosecution of its Home and Foreign Missions.

Further, it is understood that all other matters pertaining to the colleges, be left for the adjustment of the United Church.

And further, the Assembly re-appoint their Committee on Union, and instruct them, in bringing this resolution under the notice of the Committees of the other negotiating Churches, and seeking their approval thereof, to inform them that this Church still adheres to its repeatedly expressed opposition to State grants for denominational colleges in these Provinces; and further instruct their Committee to ascertain whether there is a definite prospect of harmonious action in the United Church in this matter.

UNION COMMITTEE RE-APPOINTED.

Union Committee.

The Union Committee, as re-appointed by the foregoing resolution, is as follows:—Dr. Taylor, Mr. Ure, Dr. Topp, Professor Caven, Mr. Thomas McPherson, Dr. MacVicar, ministers; Messrs. D. McKay, Hon. J. McMurrich, Thomas McCrae, John Gibb, Quebec, George Hay, Ottawa, T. W. Taylor, Toronto, elders; Dr. Topp, Convener.

DISSENT.

Dissent.

Dr. Waters requested that his dissent from this decision be marked in the minutes.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Notice of motion. Mr. J. M. King gave notice that, at the opening of the Assembly in the evening, he would move the resolution read by him at an earlier period during this Sederunt.

The Assembly then adjourned, to meet at eight o'clock, and the Diet was closed with the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

KNOX'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

Thursday, Nov. 9, 1871, 8, p. m.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with praise, the reading of the Scriptures and prayer, by the Moderator.

Minutes read. The Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

DISSENT.

Dissent—Prof. Young. Professor Young here stated that he was necessarily absent when the Assembly came to the decision, on the subject of Collegiate Education, recorded in the minutes of the previous Sederunt, and now asked leave to have his dissent from that decision marked in the Minutes. It was agreed that, as Prof. Young was the mover of one of the amendments disposed of by the decision referred to, and as he was necessarily absent on public duty when the vote was taken, he be allowed to have his dissent marked as requested, the Assembly, at the same time, declaring that this action shall not be held as a precedent.

Motion—Mr. King. Mr. J. M. King now read the resolution of which he had given notice at the close of the last Sederunt, seconded by Mr. J. Laing.

Withdrawn. After reasoning, and at the request of many members of the Assembly, the motion was withdrawn.

NAME OF UNITED CHURCH.

Name of United Ch. The Assembly proceeded to the consideration of the further recommendations in the Report of the Joint Committee on Union, and took up the resolution proposing that the name of the United Church should be "The Presbyterian Church of British North America."

Motion. It was moved by Mr. Gregg, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Vidal, That the name of the United Church shall be the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

1st amendment. It was moved in amendment by Prof. Caven, seconded by Dr. Topp, that the name stand as recommended in the Report.

2nd amendment. It was moved in further amendment by Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by Mr. James Cowan, Elder, That the name of the United Church be not decided at present.

Fixing name delayed. Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. McLaren was carried over that of Prof. Caven, and over the motion of Mr. Gregg, and the Assembly decided to delay fixing the name of the United Church.

WORSHIP.

Worship—modes of. The resolution of the Union Committee on modes of worship was read, in terms following:—That with regard to modes of worship, the practice presently followed by congregations in the matter of worship shall be allowed, and that further action in connection therewith be left to the legislation of the United Church.

Motion. It was moved by Mr. McPherson, seconded by Mr. Thomas McCrae, That the article be adopted as it stands in the Report.

1st amendment. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. W. Heron, Elder, That the article be not adopted.

2nd amendment. It was moved in further amendment by Mr. W. McLaren, seconded by Mr. J. McMillan, That the article before the Assembly be remitted to the Committee on Union, to bring it before the Committees of the negotiating Churches, to consider whether, in present circumstances, such an article be necessary.

Decision—Article remitted to Union Com. Votes being taken, the amendment of Mr. McLaren was carried over the amendment of Mr. Ross, and over the motion of Mr. McPherson, and the Assembly decided in terms of the said amendment.

WIDOWS' FUND, ETC.

Widows' Fund, &c. The Assembly next took up the recommendation of the Joint Committee on the subject of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The recommendation was read in terms following:—The Committee further agreed to recommend the establishment of an efficient Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the United Church, to which all ministers and congregations will be expected to contribute; and that, in the meantime, a Committee, consisting of Mr. Croil, convener, the Hon. John McMurrich, and Mr. D. McKay, be appointed to employ an actuary to value the different Funds now in existence, and to submit to this Committee an equitable plan for the establishment and future management of the Fund.

Decision—recommendation approved. On motion of Prof. Inglis, seconded by Mr. McLaren, the Assembly agreed to approve of the recommendation to establish an efficient Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the United Church.

TEMPORALITIES' FUND.

Temporalities' Fund. The proceedings of the Union Committee, anent the distribution of the Temporalities' Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, were read in terms following:—The Committee proceeded to consider the question of a Sustentation Fund for the United Church, as brought up by the extract minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, regarding the distribution of the Temporalities' Fund belonging to the said Church, and agreed to the following deliverance:—That the Committee regard with much satisfaction and approval the proposed distribution of the Temporalities' Fund as one which may largely promote the interests of certain important Schemes of the Church; but are of opinion that the object recommended by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, as to the payment of a sum of two hundred dollars per annum to every minister on the Synod Roll, to whom the benefit

of the Temporalities' Fund does not yet extend, may be as efficiently and conveniently carried out by the Synod in another way acceptable to all parties.

Moderator has leave of absence. Adjourned.

The Moderator here asked leave of absence from further attendance at this Session of the Assembly. Leave was granted.

The Assembly then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock, and the Diet was closed with the benediction.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

KNOX'S CHURCH, TORONTO,

Friday, Nov. 10, 1871, 9, a.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with devotional exercises, Dr. Topp, in the absence of the Moderator, occupying the chair, and prayer being offered by Mr. Thomson, of Erin.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

TEMPORALITIES' FUND.

Temporalities' Fund.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the subject interrupted by the adjournment last night, namely, the proceedings of the Union Committee on the Temporalities' Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Motion—A. & I. Ministers' Fund.

It was moved by Prof. Caven, duly seconded and agreed to, as follows:—The Assembly have satisfaction in expressing generally its approval of the proposed final application of the Temporalities' Fund to the endowment of an Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, a Widows' Fund, and to purposes of Theological Education.

Dr. Proudfoot in chair.

Dr. Topp here left the chair, which was taken by Dr. Proudfoot.

Motion—$200 to ministers, &c.

On motion of Dr. Topp, duly seconded, the Assembly agreed to adopt the latter part of the deliverance of the Union Committee on the subject, as follows:—That the object recommended by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, as to the payment of a sum of two hundred dollars per annum to every minister on the Synod Roll to whom the benefit of the Temporalities' Fund does not now extend, may be as efficiently and conveniently carried out by said Synod in another way, acceptable to all parties.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Home and Foreign Missions.

The Assembly took up next the deliverance of the Union Committee on the subject of the Home and Foreign Missions of the Church, in terms following:—The Committee agreed to express their confident expectation that the United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the Home and Foreign Missionary and benevolent operations of the several Churches, according to their respective claims, and that with regard to the practical work of the Church, and the prosecution of its schemes, whilst, of course, the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church, and be the final Court of Appeal, yet the Committee recommend that the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through Synods and Local Committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in Christian love and sympathy the various sections of the Church, and at the same

time to draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ, in the Dominion, and throughout the world.

Resolution—concurr'nce.

It was moved by Mr. J. M. King, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McMurrich, and agreed to,—That the General Assembly express its concurrence in the views embodied in the part of the Committee's Report now under consideration.

REMIT.

Remit.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas McPherson, duly seconded, and agreed to,—That the basis of Union, and the resolutions on the subject of Union as a whole, be sent down to Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations, for their mature consideration, and to report to next Assembly.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Order of business.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Gregg, and seconded, That the Assembly now proceed to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on marriage with the sister of a deceased wife.

1st amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. F. McCuaig, seconded by Mr. J. Ross, That the case of appeal of the Presbytery of Huron, from a decision of the Synod of London, be first taken up.

2nd amendment.

It was moved in further amendment, by Dr. Waters, and duly seconded, That the several items of business be taken up in the order mentioned in a paper read by him, enumerating the several subjects yet to be disposed of.

Votes—decision.

Votes were taken, when the amendment of Dr. Waters was carried over the amendment of Mr. McCuaig, and over the motion of Mr. Gregg, and the Assembly decided accordingly.

ENDOWMENT REPORT.

Endowment—Report on.

The Assembly took up the Report of the Committee appointed at the meeting of Assembly at Quebec on the endowment of Knox College, and the Presbyterian College at Montreal. The report was read.

Hon. J. McMurrich declines act'g.

The Hon. Mr. McMurrich here stated that his name appeared on one of the Sub-Committees mentioned in the Report, and that he now declined to act on the Committee, and craved that his name be withdrawn. The Assembly, while regretting the declinature of Mr. McMurrich, agreed to accept the same.

Mr. W. B. McMurrich appointed.

It was moved and seconded, and agreed to, That the name of Mr. W. B. McMurrich be inserted in the Report, instead of that of the Hon. Mr. McMurrich.

Report adopted.

On motion of Dr. Topp, duly seconded, the Assembly received and adopted the Report in terms following:—

The Assembly's Endowment Committee report the following recommendations bearing on the work intrusted to it, for adoption by the Assembly at this meeting:

I. The Committee having read the resolution of the General Assembly relating to the effort to be made to raise $250,000, and understanding that it is contemplated that the amounts already received and invested towards the Endowment of the two Colleges should be thrown into the General Endowment Fund in connection

with the effort to raise the amount specified, and with a view to its equal division between the two Colleges, is of opinion that the movement in its present form to endow the Colleges, can only be successful by adhering to and acting on this understanding, and recommend it to be prosecuted on this distinct principle.

II. The Committee is of opinion that there should be, at the very earliest period, in each College, not less than four Professorships, for the following subjects, viz.: Systematic Theology, Exegetical Theology and Biblical Criticism, Apologetics, Church History, Homiletics, Pastoral Theology, and Church Government.

III. The Committee recommend that the subscriptions should be made payable in three equal annual instalments, or six semi-annual instalments, and that no payment shall be called for until $200,000, including the amounts on hand, be subscribed.

IV. (*a*) The Committee is further of opinion that it would contribute to the success of the movement if a special trust was constituted by the General Assembly for the purpose of holding and investing the Endowment Fund, and of distributing the proceeds to the Boards of Management of Knox College, Toronto, and of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, in such proportions that, including in the estimate the proceeds of the moneys already invested by the boards of the respective Colleges for ordinary College purposes, the Colleges shall be possessed of the same revenue from these sources; and would recommend that the General Assembly should take action at the appropriate period, with a view to the creation of such a Trust.

(*b*) The Committee recommend that the Trust should consist of five persons, elected by the General Assembly, two of whom should retire each year, and be ineligible for re-election for a year thereafter.

(*c*) The Committee recommend that the money should be invested in unquestionable securities, such as Government and County Debentures, more with a view to absolute security than to a high rate of interest.

(*d*) The Committee further recommend that a professional accountant should be appointed to audit the accounts, and report to the General Assembly from year to year.

V. The Committee is of opinion that it should be an understanding that the Capital Fund for the Endowment should not be infringed upon for any purpose, and that no part of the annual income therefrom be applied to any other purpose than the payment of the salaries of the professors and officers of the Colleges at Toronto and Montreal, or the increase of the Capital Fund, and that the General Assembly should enact accordingly.

VI. The Committee has invited the Rev. Mr. Laing, of Cobourg, to act as Superintendent and General Secretary of the Endowment movement, at a salary of $1,600 per annum, with travelling expenses, and now asks the General Assembly to give its sanction to this step, and to instruct the Presbytery of Cobourg to release Mr. Laing from his charge.

VII. The Committee recommend that the following sub-Committees should be constituted in Montreal and Toronto, to carry

on, along with Mr. Laing, and in co-operation with the Presbyteries of the Church and with members of the General Committee, in their respective localities, the work of forming plans and raising money.

The sub-Committee for Toronto—Dr. Topp, convener, Prof. Inglis, J. M. King, ministers; the Hon. George Brown, Messrs. James Brown, W. B. McMurrich, Wm. Kerr.

The sub-Committee for Montreal—Dr. McVicar, convener, Messrs. A. Young, J. M. Gibson, ministers; and Messrs. Sterling, Watson, Morrice, and Dr. Dawson.

VIII. The Committee requests the sanction of the General Assembly to the addition of several names to the General Committee.

Mr. Laing's app'ntment.

In terms of the Report, the Moderator announced to Mr. J. Laing, of Cobourg, his appointment as the Agent of the Church, for the purpose of promoting the Scheme of Endowment, at a salary of one thousand six hundred dollars ($1,600), a year, with travelling expenses.

Mr. Laing intimated his acceptance of the appointment.

Mr. Laing to be loosed from charge.

It was moved by Dr. Waters, seconded by Prof. Inglis, and agreed to, That the Presbytery of Cobourg be instructed to take the necessary steps to loose Mr. Laing from his pastoral charge, and that his name be continued on the Roll of the Presbytery of Cobourg, or be placed on the Roll of any other Presbytery of the Canada Presbyterian Church with which he may desire to connect himself.

TRUST DEED.

Trust Deed to be framed

It was moved by Professor Inglis, seconded by Mr. W. T. McMullen, and agreed to, That the Committee on Endowments be instructed to take steps for the preparation of a Trust Deed in terms of the resolutions on the subject, in the Endowment Report, and to report at the meeting of the next General Assembly.

Dr. Topp resumed chair.

Dr. Proudfoot here left the chair, which was resumed by Dr. Topp.

MARRIAGE, ETC.

Marrriage, etc.—Report on.

The Assembly took up the Report of the Committee appointed at a former Assembly to elucidate the Scriptural basis of the law of the Church in regard to marriage with the sister of a deceased wife. The Report having been presented at the meeting of Assembly at Quebec, and then held as read, the Assembly proceeded to consider the same.

Motion.

It was moved by Prof. Caven, seconded by Mr. J. McTavish, as follows:—Receive the Report; re-appoint the Committee; and instruct them to revise the Report with care, and bring it up again at the next General Assembly.

1st Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Prof. Inglis, seconded by Mr. D. B. Cameron, That the Assembly receive the Report, and thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their diligence, and approve generally of the statement of argument as submitted by the Committee.

2nd Amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Mr. J. Laing, as follows:—Receive the Report, thank the Committee for their diligence, and adopt the following finding, viz:—

I. That the first and second divisions of the Report be generally approved by the Assembly as furnishing a clear and satisfactory statement of the argument in support of the two positions taken therein, viz:—That there is in the Scriptures a law against incestuous marriages, and that this law is still in force.

II. As regards the third general division, inasmuch as it appears from this portion of the Report—

1. That "the marriage in question is not expressly forbidden."

2. That in the 18th chapter of Leviticus, 18th verse, "there is an apparent sanction of marriage with a wife's sister after the wife's death." "But" that this "sanction is only apparent."

3. That the only doubt urged against this apparent sanction is raised by means of an inference drawn from other prohibitions, in which the inspired writer is treating of other relatives, whereas the apparent sanction is met with in the verse specially devoted to the statement of the law in reference to a wife and her sister, and—

4. That instead of the apparent sanction being entitled to preponderate against the inference alluded to, the greater weight is assigned to the latter by the Committee,—

Therefore, resolved, That the Assembly do not for the present commit itself to this section of the Report, as sufficiently elucidating the Scriptural basis of the present law of the Church or as showing with sufficient clearness that our present rules of discipline in this particular do not rest on slight or arbitrary grounds, but that it be remitted to the Presbyteries to consider, and report to next Assembly as to the sufficiency or insufficiency of this third division, considered as a statement of Scriptural grounds for cutting off from the Church such members in her communion as have contracted the marriage in question.

Votes—decision.

Votes were taken, when the amendment of Prof. Inglis was first carried over that of Mr. McMullen, and the motion of Prof. Caven was carried over the amendment of Prof. Inglis.

Yeas & nays.

The yeas and nays were called for, when the motion of Prof. Caven was affirmed by a large majority, and the Assembly decided in terms thereof.

Marriage, etc—Com. re-appointed.

The Committee, as re-appointed by Prof. Caven's motion, are as follows: Mr. William Gregg, Convener, Dr. Topp, Prof. Inglis, Mr. W. McLaren, Mr. J. Ross, Prof. Caven.

Hour of adjournment—Session continued.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was, on motion, agreed to sit half an hour longer, in order to finish the business.

APPEAL—LUCKNOW CASE.

Appeal—Lucknow case.

The Assembly took up the case of appeal, by the Presbytery of Huron, from a decision of the Synod of London, in the matter of the petition of certain members of the Church at Lucknow.

Parties called.

Parties were called and appeared; namely, for the Presbytery of Huron, Mr. F. McCuaig, and for the Synod of London, Dr. Waters and Mr. Thos. McPherson.

Report of Com. on case

The Report of the Committee appointed at the meeting of Assembly at Quebec, to consider the case, was read.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. J. McColl, That a Commission of the Assembly be appointed to inquire into the case, with power to call for parties and papers, and finally to dispose of the appeal.

Amendment

It was moved in amendment by Mr. H. McQuarrie, seconded by Mr. J. Laing, That the consideration of this matter be delayed till the next General Assembly.

Decision.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Cochrane was carried, and the Assembly decided accordingly.

Commission appointed.

The Commission was then appointed, as follows:—Messrs. W. Cochrane, J. McColl, H. McQuarrie, ministers; James Henderson, James Cowan, elders; Mr. Cochrane to be Convener.

Place & time of meeting.

The Commission was appointed to meet at the village of Lucknow, on the call of the Convener.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Reception of ministers, &c

The Assembly took up an application from the Presbytery of Toronto, for leave to receive as ministers of this Church certain ministers, named as follows:—Mr. John McAlpine, a probationer of the Free Church of Scotland, and bearing a commission from the Colonial Committee of said Church; Mr. William P. Walker, a licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland; Mr. James Halley, and Mr. James A. R. Hay, licentiates of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland.

J. McAlpine. W. P. Walker. J. Halley. J. A. R. Hay.

Application grant

The Assembly agreed to grant leave to the Presbytery of Toronto to receive Messrs. McAlpine and Walker, inasmuch as their applications were before the Assembly at Quebec, and then remitted to this adjourned meeting; and also, in the special circumstances of the case, to receive Messrs. Halley and Hay, if the Presbytery is satisfied with their testimonials, notwithstanding that these applications were not laid before the Assembly's Committee on the reception of ministers, in the usual way.

MR. T. SHAW—APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF.

Mr. T. Shaw—application for.

There was taken up and read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Hamilton, in relation to Mr. Thomas Shaw, described as a student of great promise, under the care of the Presbytery, recommending his case to the Board of Examiners of Knox College as a special one, and asking the sanction of the Assembly to his admission into the College as a student of the first year in Theology, though not prepared to stand examination on all the subjects required for the *status* of entrants in Theology.

Prof. Inglis heard. Remitted to Senate Knox College.

Professor Inglis was heard in support of the application.

On motion of Dr. Waters, seconded by Mr. J. Laing, the Assembly agreed to approve the action of the Presbytery of Hamilton, in the premises, and remit the case to the Senate of Knox College, to deal with the same as they may see fit.

REFERENCE—FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE *in re* MR. VINCENT.

F.M. Com. reference *in re* Mr. Vincent.

There was taken up and read a reference from the Foreign Mission Committee, setting forth that there was reason to believe

that the services of Mr. Vincent, a student of Theology in the Princeton Seminary, New Jersey, could be procured for the Saskatchewan Mission, and requesting that, considering the difficulty of obtaining a minister for this important field, and the urgency of the case, one of the Presbyteries of the Church be authorized to license and ordain Mr. Vincent for this work, at the close of his second year in Theology.

Remitted to Foreign Mission Com.

It was agreed to remit the whole case to the Foreign Mission Committee, to deal with it as they may deem right; and that, if no other suitable Missionary can be obtained, the Presbytery of Ottawa be empowered to ordain Mr. Vincent, as requested by the Committee.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Sabbath Observance Report. Delayed.

The Assembly took up the Report of the Committee on Sabbath observance, delayed from the meeting at Quebec, in June last.

It was, on motion, agreed to defer consideration of the Report till next Assembly.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE—SALARIES—MANITOBA.

Salaries of Missionaries in Manitoba.

There was presented and read, a Reference from the Home Mission Committee, requesting the Assembly to determine what amount of salary should be paid to the Missionaries in the Manitoba Mission field.

Remitted to Home Mis. Committee.

On motion, it was agreed to remit this matter to the Home Mission Committee, to deal with it as they may see fit.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

Instrumental Music—Answers to dissent read.

Mr. William Cochrane, from the Committee appointed at the meeting of the Assembly in June last, to draft answers to reasons of dissent of Mr. John Ross, and others, on the question of Instrumental Music in Worship, submitted and read an amended Report.

Committe reäppointed, with instruction.

It was agreed to reäppoint the Committee, with the addition of Professor Caven as Convener, with instructions to revise and amend the answers now submitted, and report at next Assembly.

Committee.

The Committee as reäppointed are as follows:—Prof. Caven, Convener, Mr. W. Cochrane, Dr. Waters, Dr. Proudfoot, Dr. Macvicar, Mr. W. B. Clark, Mr. A. Cross.

PROFESSORS' SALARIES—DATE OF.

Professors' Salaries—when to begin.

There was presented and read a Reference from the Board of Management of Knox College, requesting the Assembly to fix the date at which the salaries of Professors of Divinity shall commence.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. W. T. McMullen, seconded by Mr. T. S. Chambers, That the salaries of Professors, in case of their being Ministers in settled charges when appointed, date from the dissolution of the pastoral tie.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Waters, seconded by Mr. Mutchmor, Elder, That the salary commence at the date of the acceptance of the appointment to office.

Decision.

A vote being taken, the motion of Mr. McMullen was carried, and the Assembly decided accordingly.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND—REFERENCE ON.

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Reference on.

There was presented and read a Reference from the Committee on the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, stating that the means at their disposal were not sufficient to meet the demands upon them, and requesting the Assembly to order an additional collection for this Fund.

Delayed.

On motion it was agreed to delay consideration of this subject till next Assembly.

PRINTING—ORDER FOR.

Printing—Order for.

Ordered—That the usual number of copies of the Minutes of this adjourned meeting of the General Assembly be printed, for the use of Ministers and Sessions, and for the information of the Church.

CLERKS OF ASSEMBLY—ALLOWANCE TO.

Clerks of Assembly—Allowance to.

On motion of Dr. Waters, it was agreed that the sum of sixty dollars ($60) be paid to each of the Clerks of the Assembly, in consideration of the additional labour connected with this adjourned meeting.

THANKS.

Thanks.

On motion of Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. W. T. McMullen, the Assembly agreed to place on record their thanks to the several parties named below:

First—To the Trustees of Knox's Church, Toronto, for the excellent accommodation furnished to the Assembly for this meeting.

Secondly—To the members of Knox's Church, Toronto, and other Christian friends, for their generous and warm-hearted hospitality; and to the Accommodation Committee for their satisfactory arrangements.

Thirdly—To the Directors and Managers of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Northern, Midland, Toronto, Grey and Bruce, and Toronto and Nipissing Railroads, for a reduction of fares to members of the Assembly travelling over their respective lines.

CLOSE.

Close.

The business being finished, Dr. Topp, Moderator *pro tempore*, gave out for praise Psalm 122, verses 6–9, inclusive, which being sung, he offered prayer. He then declared this Assembly dissolved, and indicted another Assembly, to meet in the City of Hamilton, and within Knox's Church, there, on the first Tuesday of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, at seven o'clock in the evening. The Session was then closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

JOHN SCOTT,
Moderator.

WM. REID, A.M., } *Joint Clerks of the General Assembly of the*
WM. FRASER, } *Canada Presbyterian Church.*

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